

SENATORS SPARRING FOR STATEHOOD FIGHT

Investigating Both Majority and Minority Reports.

The first parliamentary discussion of the omnibus Statehood bill took place in the Senate yesterday afternoon, when Senator Quay, leader of the forces opposed to the majority report, which favors the admission of Indian Territory and Oklahoma as one State, was forced to consent to a postponement of the measure until Monday. The majority members of the committee are jubilant over their success and unhesitatingly say they will now win.

The programs of both sides have been made clear by the sparring in the Senate. It has been Mr. Quay's intention to bring the measure to a test vote as soon as possible. On the other side nothing has been left undone to delay procedure until such time as there will be no doubt of the result. There were many rumors afloat in the Capitol corridors today that strength for the omnibus bill is weakening further and that several Senators who have been counted with the Democrats and the Republican minority for the admission of three Territories to the Union are reconstructing their views. It is said Mr. Beveridge is campaigning with disastrous results to the omnibus bill.

Among the Senators who are said to be investigating the minority and majority reports on the Statehood proposition with a view to changing their ideas in favor of that which would admit only Indian Territory and Oklahoma as one State, are Deboe (Rep., Ky.), Jones (Dem., Ark.), Cockrell (Dem., Mo.), Scott (Rep., W. Va.), and Clark (Rep., Wyo.).

It is said concerted effort has been made to break the unit of the Democratic vote and that if this can be done several others may be enlisted on the side of the majority report.

Senator Beveridge when confronted with the claim of Senator Quay that he has enough votes to carry the omnibus bill, said, "That statement is ridiculous. Of course, I do not care to enter into a discussion of the votes for the majority report, but I will say we are sure to win."

Senator Dillingham of Vermont has been selected to begin the argument for the majority report.

MONEY NEEDED FOR ANNAPOLIS IMPROVEMENTS

According to the statements of Capt. Willard H. Brownson, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, and O. G. Dodge, superintendent of buildings and grounds at the Academy, it will cost \$2,000,000 to construct the proposed new buildings of granite and \$1,000,000 if of brick. Captain Brownson and Mr. Dodge appeared before the subcommittee on Naval Affairs yesterday and explained at length the details of the improvements needed at Annapolis.

The subcommittee took no vote upon the matter and it will not be decided until action is taken by the whole committee.

DECIDED NOT TO GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

Jersey Mosquitoes Stay Home and Give a Surprise to Druggist Landell, of Bayonne.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Druggist Charles H. Landell, of Avenue D and Thirty-second Street, Bayonne, was trying to thaw the frozen pipes of his soda water fountain early yesterday morning when he heard a familiar buzzing sound at the cigar case. He went over and discovered thirteen good-sized mosquitoes flitting about the cigar lighter. He rubbed his eyes and then went out on the stoop and took a look at the thermometer. It registered 14 degrees and from it was hanging an icicle a foot long.

The druggist called in several neighbors as a precautionary measure. In the event of skeptical people making insinuating remarks later on, and showed them the mosquitoes. Every neighbor declared the thirteen to be genuine specimens of the genus culex and remarked that as lifelong residents of Bayonne they ought to know.

During a discussion one of the mosquitoes lit on the druggist's bald spot and got away with the goods.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS CASES.

The District Commissioners yesterday referred to the Corporation Council for an opinion several papers relating to a revision of the subdivision of Fairview Heights in accordance with the permanent system of highways. This matter has been before the board at intervals since 1895, and W. P. Richards, engineer in charge of streets, has now recommended that legislation be secured from Congress authorizing the change. The Commissioners ask the attorney for his views on the subject, and request the report of a bill, if, in his judgment, such legislation is required.

TEXANS URGE GOVERNOR FOR CANAL COMMISSION

A delegation of Texans, headed by Senator Bailey, called upon the President yesterday to present the name of Governor Sayers of the Lone Star State for appointment on the Isthmian Canal Commission.

The visitors called attention to the long coast line of their State, the extensive shipping interests of the citizens, and its proximity, of all the States of the Union, to the proposed inter-oceanic waterway. The President said he would be glad to consider Governor Sayers' name when the time comes for naming the commission. This will not be done, however, until the present negotiations with Colombia reach some more definite status, one way or the other.

HEAVY RAIN MARS SPORT AT NEW ORLEANS

With the Going Treacherous Talent Was Lucky in Breaking Even With the Books.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—A heavy rain which set in yesterday morning and continued the entire afternoon, ruined all prospects of a good track. When the horses went to the post in the first race the going was slippery and treacherous. The talent was lucky in breaking even with the books.

They got an upset in the first race when Suburban Queen, at 12 to 1, won on the bit. Pearl Finder, winner of the third event, at 3 to 1, was the medium of the heaviest play of the day. Charley Elliott's winnings on the Eastern filly are estimated at \$10,000. Latson, backed from 7 to 1 to 4 to 1, won the fifth. The other winners were: Optional, 6 to 5; Honolulu, 7 to 1, and St. Tammany, 11 to 5.

Entries at New Orleans.

First race—Selling; two-year-old colts and geldings; five and one-half furlongs. Ravenspur, 92; Inboud, 93; John Carney, 96; Anzeiger, 96; Maricao, 98; Sidney Sabath, 97; Spec, 101; The Wizard, 101; Tom Maylin, 105; Florestan, 106; Lord Touchwood, 110.

Second race—Selling; seven furlongs. Lemoine, 97; Alline Abbot, 102; Harry Winston, 105; Pierce J., 105; Henry of Frantamar, 107; Joe Lester, 107; Doekin, 107; Budman, 108; Worthington, 110; If You Dare, 112.

Third race—Purse; one mile. Hanover Queen, 105; Major Mansur, 105; Scotch Plaid, 109; Huntress, 109; Little Scout, 112; Potente, 114.

Fourth race—Handicap; six furlongs. Travers, 97; W. J. Deboe, 112; Federal, 115; Old Hutch, 115; Scorpion, 118; McCaskey, 119.

Fifth race—Selling; one and one-half miles. Inspector Shea, 98; Jessie Jarboe, 102; Prince Blazes, 102; Tour, 101; Marcos, 101; Trocadero, 101; Coswell, 101; Gunata, 104; Eltholm, 104.

Sixth race—Purse; two-year-olds; six furlongs. Pickles, 102; Arrie B., 102; Our Bessie, 102; Wilton, 102; Helen Hay, 102; Shoo Fly, 102; Latuka, 102; Little Adele, 102; Hindi, 102; Athlana, 102; Eanace, 102; Mrs. Frank Foster, 107.

ACTS AGAINST OUTLAW TRACK AT NEWPORT

Western Jockey Club to Prevent Making of Foreign Book.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Stewards of the Western Jockey Club have for the first time taken official cognizance of the proposed "outlaw" track at Newport, across the river from Cincinnati, which has announced its opening for December 29. By mail vote the stewards have pledged their respective organizations to do everything in their power to keep the Newport track from receiving telegraphic reports of their races to use in the foreign book, which will be one of the features of the winter track.

Without a foreign book a winter track would not pay. Even with a city as large as Cincinnati to draw from, outlaw tracks attract only the poorer horses and riffraff of the racing game.

CORCORANS VS. MORTONS.

The league game of basketball scheduled to be played tonight by the Corcoran and Morton Cadets in the Guards' Center Market Armory promises to be one of the most hotly contested of the series. The Mortons now hold first place and the Corcorans hope to make a winning, and as both are out for the lead at the end of the first half of the schedule, an interesting game may be expected. Special features will be offered in a wrestling bout between "Kil" Sullivan and Hoover between the halves, and dancing at the close of the game.

YOUNG SANDOW THROWN.

"Young Sandow" was given a chance to try out his wrestling skill last night at the Empire, in a bout with the "Cuban Wonder," who is meeting all comers, and was clever enough to stay about nine and one-half minutes, when the Cuban secured a "bridge," from which he dropped Sandow's shoulders to the mat. Tonight Joe Grant will meet the Cuban for the second time this week and hopes to stay the limit.

TO MEET ON GRIDIRON.

The Engineer Corps football eleven, of Washington, will meet the team composed of soldiers from Fort Mifflin, Md., on the gridiron at the Washington Barracks tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

AGAIN THE LIVELY

LITTLE GOLF BALL

There has for sometime been considerable discussion about the use of the "lively" golf ball as against the old "gutta-percha" in amateur matches, and now the professionals have taken up the little rubber ball and it is being knocked about in a decidedly lively fashion.

The professional or "open" championships will be held this year by the Preswick Club and upon the subject of the protest against the rubber ball, the London "Field" has this to say: "One point against the claim of the professional is that the present open champion, A. H. Huddersfield, won the way in which they should deter the prevailing liberty of choice in the use of balls on the market, and attempt to define the material out of which a golf ball should be made permissible for important competition play, or whether they should lend countenance to the criticism which has been specifically urged against the attitude of the professionals that they are more influenced in the crusade against the new balls by the way in which their enormous sale has cut into the gutta-percha ball trade than by considerations conducive to the advancement of golf as a game of skill."

FLORIDA MARSHALSHIP

DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt had an important conference at the White House offices yesterday on Florida State politics. He discussed the subject with J. E. Sullivan, Capt. W. H. Northrop, of Pennsylvania, and C. F. Dunn, of Appalachicola. They also presented an endorsement of Captain Northrop for United States marshal of the Northern district of Florida, and believe his appointment is likely to follow. The "Lily White" question does not enter into the present case.

AMERICAN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

Annual Event will Be Held in Indianapolis in February.

It has been decided to hold the annual bowling championships under the auspices of the American Bowling Congress, at Indianapolis, from February 23 to March 1, next. W. V. Thompson, vice president of the congress, is now in the above city assisting President Bookwalter and General Manager Bryson in preparing for the event.

Mr. Thompson predicts that the Indianapolis tournament will be the greatest bowling event ever held. Mayor Bookwalter has arranged for ten of the best bowlers, with the privilege of increasing the number to twelve if the entries warrant it, and believes that number will be needed when the Eastern bowlers understand what is being done.

The Indianapolis Bowling Association has agreed to give \$2,000 and 35 per cent of the entrance fees in cash prizes. This will undoubtedly increase the amount to over \$5,000, and they also will give a handsome prize to the individual making the greatest number of pins in the three events or nine games.

President Bookwalter, Vice President W. V. Thompson, and possibly General Manager Bryson will visit the East, and a meeting will be called in New York or Brooklyn on Monday next, at which Mayor Bookwalter will address the bowlers on "What Indianapolis Can and Will Do."

Mr. Thompson reports that Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Kentucky will be represented, and there will be five-man teams and individuals from all Western and Southern States. This has been assured. "Should we be successful in interesting the Eastern bowlers we will have more entries than in any two previous national tournaments," says Mr. Thompson.

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Reduction of Dues May Increase the Number of Clubs to Five Hundred.

The reduction of dues in the United States Golf Association has brought in a rush of applications for allied membership, and Secretary Ballou is of the opinion that the association will have 500 members by next spring.

It is expected in a general way that the next golfing season will be the greatest the country has ever seen, with more tournaments and an increased entry in all national and local events. A further impetus to the game would be the visit of a team of English amateurs, now practically a certainty, to tour the leading links during the summer.

Y. M. C. A. VS. ORDWAYS IN BASKETBALL GAME

The basketball game to be played tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, 1322 G, by the home team and the Ordway Rifles, will close the District League schedule until after Christmas. The Ordways have had hard practice since last week's game and hope to make it interesting for the association boys.

The teams will line-up as follows:
Y. M. C. A. Ordways
White,.....L. F. Barker
James,.....R. F. Daley
McQuinn,.....Center Chase
Bopp,.....L. B. Beekman
Hughes,.....R. B. Cauffman

EXHIBITION OF BOWLING.

Garrett A. Green, the wizard ten-pin bowler, who has been entertaining the visitors to the Palace alleys with his clever work in picking spares and bowling high totals, will give exhibitions of his clever work tonight at the Takoma Park Club and tomorrow night on the alleys of the Capital Bicycle Club.

BOWLING GAMES POSTPONED.

The games scheduled for last night for the Postoffice and Treasury teams in the Departmental League and for the National Capital and West End teams in the Bank Clerks' League, were postponed to tomorrow, when they will be bowled on the Palace alleys.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR WOMAN WHO KILLED A NEGRO

TITUSVILLE, Fla., Dec. 12.—In circuit court today, Mrs. Belle Skinner was convicted of killing a negro and sentenced to life imprisonment. This is the first case in Florida of its kind, and excited much attention. Mrs. Skinner killed the negro in a quarrel at her house.

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RUSHING WORK ON BATTLESHIP MAINE

Efforts Being Made to Have Christmas Gift for Navy.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Hundreds of workmen are bending every nerve to have the gigantic battleship Maine ready for delivery to the Government on December 23, as a fitting Christmas present to Uncle Sam's navy. There is no official document to prove that the big fighting machine may be needed in Venezuelan waters, but the Navy Department is losing no time in fitting the best ships for sea, and it is more than likely that the new year will see the namesake of the historic vessel destroyed in Havana Harbor steaming past that same harbor and rushing on to join the fleet of the all-conquering Dewey.

Breaking all precedent of late years, the Maine will go into commission at League Island. A skeleton crew of 100 "jacksies" will be sent to take charge of her on her trip down the Delaware from Cramps' shipyard, but until she is safely anchored off the navy yard and the formal transfer is made she will be under the direct command of Capt. Rainford D. Bucknam, of Cramps, who will turn her over personally to Captain Luttrell, the Government official selected to command her.

She will go down stream under her own steam and will probably need no tug to assist her, for on her trial she demonstrated that her huge bulk in no way interferes with her easy handling. The ceremonies incident to the commissioning of the ship will be those prescribed by the naval regulations. The crew will be mustered, the orders read, and then the marine bugler and drums will sound the honor to the colors as they are unfurled over the great ship's stern. Her time for steaming south is not known.

The intercollegiate regatta of 1903 will be held at Poughkeepsie on Friday, June 26. This date was fixed at a meeting of the boards of stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association. The varsity four has been scheduled to be ready first, followed by the freshmen eight, and the varsity eight. The entries include Pennsylvania, Cornell, and Columbia in all three races. Wisconsin in the varsity eight and freshman; Georgetown in the varsity eight, and Syracuse in the varsity eight and freshman.

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HIS IDEA OF A FORTUNE.

If a North Carolinian Had \$1,000 He Wouldn't Want a Sawmill.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Cincinnati firm of machinists, making a specialty of constructing sawmill machinery, has a letter framed and hung up in its office to serve as a warning to a well-known paragon in Philadelphia used to call "a momentum." The letter is a most ungainly scrawl; very brief, but displaying in the two lines of its text about all the blunders of the penmanship and syntax that could conveniently be committed in scratch-writing twice across a sheet of very shabby note paper. In answer to the inquiries inevitably awakened by the sight of this carefully preserved communication, the firm members tell the following tale and vouch for its truth:

In response to one of their circulars, they received some time since a letter from North Carolina asking the price of a certain portable sawmill of their make. The letter was such a shocking example of bad writing, had spelling and general ignorance that it was not considered worth attention, and consequently was consigned to the waste basket.

Later another scrawl was received in the same hand, the far-etched correspondent repeating his request for information and complaining that his first note had not been answered. This time the firm deemed it expedient to send an apologetic reply on the chance that the persistent Cracker might be a man of substance despite the evidences given of a neglected education. They accordingly wrote in full, giving detailed particulars with respect to the machinery referred to, and stating the cost as \$1,000. By due course of mail they received in reply the document which they have put under glass and placed on the wall of their counting room. The precious missive reads as follows:

"Scrubby N. C.—Saw: If I had a thousand dollars, what till I do ye yepose id want er sawmill. Sarvent to command, JOHN SMITH."

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS

Rare Collection of Engravings Shown in the Washington Club Rooms Yesterday.

The exhibit of engravings of the Madonna at the Washington Club rooms yesterday in the interest of the Girls' Friendly Society, was both instructive and beautiful. There were about 600 pictures, arranged according to the centuries in which the painters of the originals lived, comprising about one-fourth of the entire collection of Mrs. H. C. Bolton.

Most of the pictures were modern engravings and art photographs, but there were a few rare old engravings among the number, and some illuminating pieces. One especially interesting group, composed of about a dozen pieces, consists of pictures of the Virgin Mary miraculously given as the one made by St. Luke, one a vision to a holy man in Mexico, and some miracle-working paintings from Germany. Another group was composed of pictures of St. Luke painting the Madonna, from various old masters. It was a remarkably fine collection, upon which Mrs. Bolton has spent several years. Her lecture in the evening upon "The Madonna in Art" was illustrated by over a hundred fine stereoscopic views.

Tea was served at a table decorated with a bowl of magnificent pink roses. Miss Willett sang "Ich Lieber Dich," and "Obstination," by Fontenay, and Miss Satterlee and Miss Sargent also sang, mandolins furnishing the instrumental music. Madonna calendars and Christmas cards and other pretty trifles were for sale. The entertainment was for the benefit of the summer home of the society in Virginia, and was an entire success.

THE MOUNTAIN FOLK OF NORTH CAROLINA

The stereoscopic exhibition at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church last night was devoted to the mountaineers of North Carolina, and showed the results of the missionary labors of the Presbyterian Church among this class of people. They number about 3,000,000 souls, whose origin is mere conjecture, and they are probably the most ignorant white people on the continent. Views of the homes of the people, the families in their native wilds, of the schools and their graduates were interspersed with exquisite views of the scenery of that section. The schools founded by Miss Goodrich were the ones shown, she having been especially sent out by the New York Avenue Church and the Church of the Covenant, jointly.

The lecture this evening will be upon other strange peoples of this continent, the Mormons, Indians, and Mexicans.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Lady Pauncote Lodge, No. 49, Daughters of St. George, held its regular meeting in Malta Hall Wednesday evening, December 10, Mrs. Emma Buckley, past president, occupying the chair. After routine business it was announced that the grand district deputy, Mrs. A. G. Hassell, of Baltimore, was ready to install the officers-elect for the ensuing term, as follows: Worthy past president, Mrs. Emma Buckley; worthy president, Mrs. H. Doe; worthy vice president, Mrs. F. C. Cook; worthy first conductor, Mrs. George Prutchett; worthy second conductor, Mrs. W. E. Walton; worthy chaplain, Mrs. J. Stevenson; worthy financial secretary, Mrs. H. Mortimer; worthy recording secretary, Mrs. G. King; worthy treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Gregory; worthy inside guard, Mrs. L. Bone; worthy outside guard, Miss Jane Trow; trustees, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Flack, and Miss Nellie Tate.

NUMBER OF MIDSHIPMEN ON THE SICK LIST

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 12.—Ninety-five of the United States midshipmen are on the sick list, and it is thought that they have been made ill by something that was given them to eat. Several of them are in the hospital, but most of them are still able to do duty. Rigorous efforts are being made to discover the article which caused the trouble.

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